## Governor's Arizona SERVES Task Force Foster Care Team Meeting Minutes February 8, 2011, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Telephone

| Members Present  | Members Absent | Guests        | Staff            |
|------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Russ Dickey      | Cathi Herrod   | Roxann Miller | Leah Koestner    |
| Sylvester Ajagbe | Diana Devine   |               | Chuck Fitzgerald |
|                  | Jason Bachman  |               |                  |
|                  | Mark Upton     |               |                  |

- I. Welcome members and staff.
- II. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes: No changes were requested; minutes approved.
- III. Issue Team Education: No Issue Education was provided.

## IV. Action Plan Discussion:

- a. The team suggests that we provide a type of "organization match" on the ArizonaSERVES website. This may be a GIS map, a simple Q&A or interview. A key consideration is to avoid "playing favorites" amongst service providers. Staff will plan how to best implement and provide a sample at the next Task Force meeting.
- b. Faith-based organizations are being inundated with service requests; how do we keep from being "just part of the noise," and how do we build trust between faith-based organizations and service providers? One idea is to convene a forum (or regionally-based series of forums) to include both the service providers and faith-based organizations. This could be Foster Care Participation specific or Task Force general. Discussion with the entire Task Force is needed regarding this.
- c. Team member Russ Dickey updated the team on the new community initiative underway to inventory the needs/desires of foster families and foster care providers statewide; this effort is scheduled to begin in March and last approximately six months.
- d. Jason provided an "opinion/editorial piece" for use in the ArizonaSERVES Task Force communication plan. Team members will continue to inform this plan.
- e. Team members will look for ArizonaSERVES speaking opportunities in the community.

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- f. Team members will continue to locate resources for inclusion on the ArizonaSERVES website.
- V. Issue Team Report to Task Force: All team members will contribute to the reporting at the next Task Force meeting.
- VI. Call to the Public: No public members were present.
- VII. Adjourn